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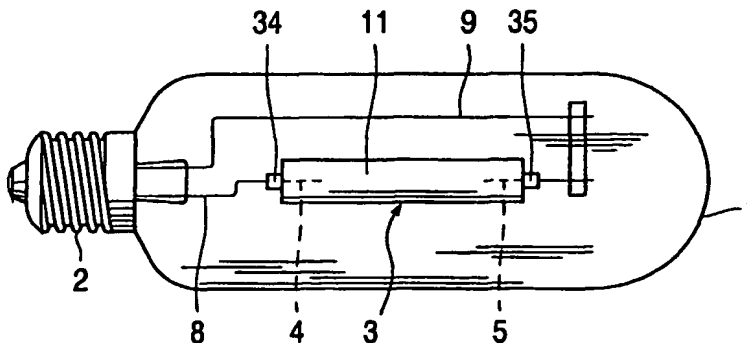
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(57) Abstract: A metal halide lamp comprising a substantially cylindrical discharge vessel having an internal diameter  $D_i < 2.0$  mm and filled with an ionizable filling, wherein two electrodes are present at a mutual distance  $E_A$  for maintaining a discharge in the discharge vessel, wherein the filling comprises an inert gas, such as Xe, having a pressure at room temperature between 5 and 25 bar, and an ionizable salt, characterized in that said ionizable salt is selected from the group comprising PrI<sub>3</sub>, NdI<sub>3</sub> and LuI<sub>3</sub>.